

Date: 17 October 2022

Dear colleague,

### **Inquiry into council tax reform**

The Senedd's Local Government and Housing Committee is undertaking an inquiry into council tax reforms, with specific focus on the policy and legislative proposals set out in the Welsh Government's consultation document, [A Fairer Council Tax](#) launched in July 2022. The Committee will explore the impact the proposals might have on local government finance and administration, and the potential to simplify the framework of council tax discounts and reductions. The inquiry will look specifically at:

- The potential impact of a council tax revaluation and revised council tax bands on local government finances and administration.
- The potential benefits and disadvantages of regular property revaluations on local government administration, and the impact on those liable to pay council tax.
- The effectiveness of the framework for council tax discounts and exemptions, and how the system could be developed and improved.
- The case for changing the Council Tax Reduction Scheme which supports the most vulnerable low-income households, and scope for improving the system.

### **Invitation to contribute to the consultation**

The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence responding to the above terms of reference, to assist in its consideration of the inquiry.

### **Submitting evidence**

If you wish to respond to the Committee's consultation, please email an electronic copy of your submission to [SeneddHousing@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddHousing@senedd.wales) or send by post to Local Government and Housing Committee, Welsh Parliament, Cardiff, CF99 1SN.

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### **How we use your information**

We will usually publish correspondence or written evidence on our website. If you have responded in a personal capacity, your name will be published along with your contribution, unless you have asked for your contribution to be anonymised. If you have responded in a professional capacity, the published version of your response will include your name, your job title/role, if relevant, and the name of your organisation.

Submissions should arrive by **Friday 11 November 2022**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

If you have any queries, please contact Manon George, Clerk on 0300 200 6219.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.